

## **VICTIM/WITNESS SECTION**

### **ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM**

#### **Program Description**

The program is designed to boost the level of services available to elder and dependant adults who become victims of crime. The program funds victim advocacy positions under the administrative authority of a criminal justice agency (i.e. probation departments, district attorney offices, police and sheriff departments) so that services are more efficiently provided to elder victims of crime. The program also involves a coordinated and enhanced response to allegations of elder abuse, and implementation of outreach awareness for reporters of elder abuse including criminal justice personnel, senior citizens, and the public at large.

#### **Eligibility**

Local units of government are eligible such as the District Attorney, Law Enforcement Agencies, and/or Probation Departments.

#### **Authorized By**

Federal Victims of Crime Act and the California State Legislature

#### **Fund Source and Amount**

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$1,369,962 for sixteen (16) projects

#### **Grant Award Period**

October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009

#### **Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date**

For the FY 2008/09 federal fund year, this will be a non competitive program

#### **Additional Program Information**

The projects funded under this program are required to: provide elder victims direct advocacy services such as: crisis intervention; emergency assistance; resource and referral; counseling; claims assistance; property return; orientation to the criminal justice system; presentations and training; case status/disposition; notifications of family/friends; employer notification/intervention; restitution; solicit volunteers; conduct presentations to potential elder abuse victims to enhance victim awareness; and provide referrals to agencies serving elder abuse victims

#### **How Do I Get More Information?**

This program is administered by the Victim/Witness Section in the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Victim/Witness Branch of OES at (916) 324-3217.